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SUBJECT: BOMBS IN ALEXANDRIA

REF: CAIRO 6330

1. PROGRES EGYPTIEN ON MAY 11 REPORTED DISCOVERY OF BOMB IN ST. GEORGE COPTIC CHURCH IN SPORTING CLUB QUARTER OF ALEXANDRIA. NEWS ITEM BEGINS: "LIBYAN SABOTAGE PLAN DOES NOT CONFINE ITSELF TO FACTORIES AND EQUIPMENT. NOT EVEN CHURCHES ARE SPARED."

2. ITEM THEN RECOUNTS DISCOVERY BY ALERT CARETAKER OF CHURCH BENCH WIRED TO BOMB WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED BY ANYONE SITTING ON OR MOVING BENCH. HE CALLED POLICE WHO DISASSEMBLED DEVICE SAFELY. BOMB WAS ALLEGEDLY OF RUSSIAN MANUFACTURE.

3. LOCAL MOSLEM RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND ALEXANDRIA GOVERNOR HODEIB LATER CALLED AT CHURCH "TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR COPTIC BROTHERS."

4. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE QUITE A FEW MONTHS AGO AND IS PRESUMABLY BEING PUBLICIZED NOW AS PART OF ANTI-LIBYAN CAMPAIGN (REFTEL).

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5. ABOUT A MONTH AGO A SIMILAR BOMB WAS FOUND IN A TOILET AT STRAND CINEMA AND SAFELY DISARMED. YOUNG LIBYAN LIVING IN EL AMRIYA WAS ARRESTED IN THAT CASE.

6. SMALL BOMB EXPLODED AT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING OF MAY 7 ON MAIN BOULEVARD SIDEWALK BETWEEN TWA OFFICES AND PASTRY SHOP. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO TWA, MORE EXTENSIVE TO SHOP AND PARKED MINIBUS. DRIVER OF LATTER WAS INJURED AS WERE FOUR OR FIVE PASSERSBY, NONE SERIOUSLY. THIS INCIDENT IS ALSO BLAMED ON LIBYANS.
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